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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Senate Foreign Relations Committee
(SFRC) Staff on Andropov Succession

1. Present from the SFRC Staff were:

Scott Cohen, Staff Director
 Hans Binnendijk, Deputy Staff Director
 Diana Smith
 Ken Myers

2. Present from CIA:

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3. Prior to this session, Cohen and Smith had read
SOVA's 10 February 1984 CONFIDENTIAL typescript memo

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 [redacted] Ms. Smith participated intelligently in the give-and-take of the 30 minute briefing with Binnendijk and Myers frequently joining in, advancing hypotheses and getting reactions from the briefers. The major focus was on Chernenko, of course, but the SFRC staffers also expressed considerable interest in Andronov's final months of life and leadership. [redacted] both performed impressively well and the staffers appeared interested and appreciative.

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